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SUBJECT: VIETNAM - PRESS REPORTS ON BRITISH REPLY TO  
US NOTE

REF: LONDON 5950

1. TWO SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS (APRIL 20), THE TELEGRAPH AND  
THE TIMES, REPORTED BRIEFLY THAT THE BRITISH HAVE SENT  
A REPLY TO THE US NOTE ON VIETNAM. NICHOLAS CARROLL  
IN THE SUNDAY TIMES ASSERTS THAT BEHIND THE BRITISH REPLY  
LIES THE STORY OF A "MISFIRED INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC  
DRIVE" BY KISSINGER TO PUT PRESSURE ON HIS EUROPEAN  
ALLIES OVER VIETNAM AND A DELIBERATE INDISRECTION BY  
THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER. IN LUXEMBOURG THE NINE  
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DISCUSSED THE US REQUEST FOR EUROPEAN SUPPORT ON

VIETNAM, WRITES CARROLL, CONFUSING THE US NOTE OF APRIL 11 WITH THE ORAL DEMARCHE MADE TO THE NINE IN DUBLIN. THE NINE, HE STATES, DECLINED TO PUT PRESSURE ON HANOI BUT AGREED TO THE OTHER TWO US REQUESTS. BUT, CARROLL STATES, DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN LEAKED THE DECISION TO THE PRESS. HE CONCLUDES BY STATING "AFTER THE MEETING MR. CALLAGHAN MADE IT CLEAR HE DEPLORED MR. ANDERSON'S BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY. HE HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE RESENTS THE TENDENCY TO GLOAT OVER AMERICAN MISFORTUNE. IT IS LIKELY THAT HIS NOTE HAS BEEN WORDED SYMPATHETICALLY."

2. SUNDAY TELEGRAPH ADDS THAT WHITEHALL OFFICIALS CONFIRMED ON APRIL 19 THAT A REPLY TO THE AMERICAN NOTE HAD FINALLY GONE TO THE US AFTER AN 8-DAY DELAY. THE BRITISH MESSAGE WOULD, IT IS STATED, REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. SUNDAY TELEGRAPH DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT CONCLUDES, "THE REPLY IS LIKELY TO PUT A NEW STRAIN ON ANQLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS BECAUSE OF THE FIRM STAND BEING TAKEN BY DR. KISSINGER, AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE."

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